

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 25, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Gonsalves, Mr. Monroe, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Kuechler, Mr. Roderick, Mrs. McKenna

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Baldwin, Mr. Kitchen, Mr. Kenney, Mrs. Tavares

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OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Furtado, Parent, Tracy Higgins, Staff/Parent, Bob Espindola, Parent, Amy Hartley-Matteson, Principal, Wendy Williams, Principal, Gerry Lucas, Principal, Scott Francis, Staff, Ann Richard, Staff, Renee Bradshaw, FEA President

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 p.m.

The Chair informed the audience that the meeting was being videotaped.

Roll Call: McKenna, Monroe, Powers, Gonsalves, Roderick, Kuechler

Motion made by Mr. Roderick and seconded by Mrs. Powers to approve the April 11, 2012 School Committee minutes. Voted 6-0 unanimously

There was no public comment.

There was no report from the student advisory committee.

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mrs. Powers to take the student travel agenda items out of order. Voted 6-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mr. Monroe to approve the East Fairhaven School student travel to Woods Hole, MA. Voted 6-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mr. Roderick and seconded by Mrs. Powers to approve the Rogers School student travel to Woods Hole, MA. Voted 6-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mrs. Powers to approve the Wood School student travel to Mendon, Ma and Easton, MA. Voted 6-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mr. Roderick and seconded by Mrs. Powers to approve the FHS student travel to Boston, MA. Voted 6-0 unanimously

The School Committee skipped over the "Team Fairhaven Destination Imagination" travel to Knoxville, T.N.

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Mr. Francis, Athletic Director gave the School Committee an update regarding the amazing accomplishments of the Fairhaven Public Schools athletic programs. He informed the committee that fifty-percent of the student body participates in sports.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an update regarding the FY'13 budget update. Dr. Baldwin informed the committee that the administration is moving forward with the 2% budget reduction.

Mr. Bob Espindola gave the School Committee a presentation regarding a potential Photovoltaic System on the new Wood Elementary School. Questions and answers took place amongst School Committee members and Mr. Espindola. The School Committee is in agreement for administration to continue to work with Mr. Espindola to gather details regarding the Photovoltaic System.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an update regarding the Wood School transition plan. Dr. Baldwin informed the School Committee of the work that has been taking place at Oxford School.

Dr. Baldwin informed the School Committee of upcoming events.

Motion made by Mrs. Powers and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to suspend the rules of the School Committee meeting to allow for public comment regarding the FPS School Choice Participation. Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee a quick overview of what being a School Choice school would entail. There was no public comment.

Motion made by Mr. Gonsalves and seconded by Mrs. Powers to participate in School Choice for the 2012-2013 school year. Voted 0-6 Motion fails.

Motion made by Mr. Roderick and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to reconvene into regular session. Voted 6-0 unanimously

Motion made by Mr. Roderick and seconded by Mrs. Powers to surplus items. Voted 6-0 unanimously (Appendix A)

Discussion took place amongst members to change the nights of the meetings from Wednesday nights to Tuesday nights. After a brief discussion it was decided to place the agenda item on a future agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Monroe and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to adjourn the regular session of the School Committee meeting. Roll call: McKenna-yes, Monroe-yes, Powers-yes, Gonsalves-yes, Roderick-yes, Kuechler-yes. Voted 6-0 unanimously

Adjourned 8:18p.m.

Robert Baldwin, Ed.D
Secretary to the School Committee
Fairhaven Public Schools